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# COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION POLITBURO AND SECRETARIAT



Full Politburo Members also Serving on the Secretariat

**Mikhail Gorbachev**  
General Secretary (since March 1985)  
Age 56 ... full member since October 1980 ... party leader responsible for ongoing domestic and foreign policy ... candidate member November 1979-October 1980 ... chairman, Defense Council ... member, Supreme Soviet Presidium, since July 1985.



**Nikolai Tikhonchikov**  
Party Secretary (since December 1983)  
Age 67 ... full member since April 1985 ... oversees party ideology and personnel ... active in conducting relations with Soviet Bloc, Third World governments, and Communist parties.



**Viktor Korotkiy**  
Party Secretary (since April 1985)  
Age 59 ... full member since June 1987 ... oversees agricultural policy ... Deputy Minister of Agriculture 1979-83.



**Nikolai Nizhnevich**  
Party Secretary (since January 1987); Chief, Economics Department, Central Committee (since February 1987)  
Age 58 ... full member since June 1987 ... responsible for general economic policy, candidate member March 1988-June 1987 ... experienced in industrial management and economic planning.



**Aleksandr N. Lukashin**  
Party Secretary (since March 1986)  
Age 64 ... full member since June 1987 ... responsible for propaganda, ideology, and culture ... candidate member January-June 1987 ... propaganda and foreign affairs specialist ... Ambassador to Canada 1973-83.



**Lev Nikolayevich Zakharenko**  
Party Secretary (since July 1985)  
Age 64 ... full member since March 1986 ... oversees defense and heavy industry ... experienced industrial manager ... moved to government and party work in 1976.



**Viktor Arkhipovich Gerasimov**  
Chairman, Committee for State Security (KGB) (since December 1982)  
Age 64 ... full member since April 1985 ... oversees intelligence and security ... candidate member December 1983-April 1985 ... member KGB Collegium since 1967.



**Andrei Andreyevich Gromyko**  
Chairman, Supreme Soviet Presidium (since July 1985)  
Age 78 ... full member since 1971 ... Minister of Foreign Affairs 1957-85 ... titular head of Soviet Union.



**Nikolai Ivanovich Shchegolev**  
Chairman, Council of Ministers (since September 1985)  
Age 58 ... full member since April 1985 ... chief administrator for economic affairs ... party secretary and chief, Economics Department, Central Committee 1982-85 ... headed one of Soviet Union's largest industrial plants 1971-75.



**Mikhail A. Yegorov**  
First Secretary, Ukrainian Communist Party (since May 1972)  
Age 69 ... full member since April 1987 ... implements leadership policies in Ukraine ... candidate member 1961-63 and 1965-71.



**Levon Aramovich Sargsyan**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs (since July 1985)  
Age 59 ... full member since July 1985 ... has overseen reorganization of foreign Ministry ... candidate member November 1978-July 1985 ... exposed corruption in Georgian minister of internal affairs 1983-72 ... first secretary, Georgian Communist Party, 1972-85.



**Mikhail Sergeyevich Solomentsev**  
Chairman, Party Control Committee (since June 1983)  
Age 74 ... full member since December 1983 ... candidate member November 1978-July 1985 ... Chairman, RSFSR Council of Ministers, 1971-83.



**Yuriy Lavrentiyevich Voronov**  
Chairman, RSFSR Council of Ministers (since June 1983)  
Age 63 ... full member since December 1983 ... economic administrator of Soviet Union ... candidate member November 1978-July 1985 ... held Lenin assignments in party, government, and diplomatic work.



**Yuriy Nikolayevich Dementyev**  
First Deputy Chairman, Supreme Soviet Presidium (since June 1986)  
Age 69 ... candidate member since November 1984 ... USSR Minister of Culture 1974-80 ... "promoted" to serve largely ceremonial function.



**Vladimir Pavlovich Dolgikh**  
Party Secretary (since December 1972)  
Age 63 ... candidate member since May 1982 ... oversees civilian heavy industry and energy sectors of economy.



**Yuriy Pavlovich Izrael**  
First Secretary, Leningrad Region Communist Party (since July 1985)  
Age 62 ... candidate member since March 1986 ... tasked with improving industrial organization and production efforts in Leningrad.



**Nikolai Vladimirovich Kozlov**  
Chairman, State Planning Committee (Leningrad) and First Deputy, Chairman, Council of Ministers (since October 1983)  
Age 58 ... candidate member since October 1985 ... responsible for managing two major industrial plants in Leningrad since 1975-80.



**Dmitry Dmitriyevich Litvinenko**  
Minister of Defense (since May 1987)  
Age 64 ... candidate member since June 1982 ... oversees defense industry ... responsible for managing two major military plants in the USSR since 1975-80.



**Boris Nikolayevich Lobov**  
First Secretary, Moscow City Communist Party (since December 1985)  
Age 56 ... candidate member since February 1986 ... experienced industrial manager ... leading successful return campaign supported to clean up corruption in Moscow.



**Aleksandra Iosadova**  
Age 58 ... Party secretary since March 1986 ... oversees Supreme Soviet Presidium ... oversees Ministry of Culture, Education, and Science ... oversees management and production aspects.



**Anatoly Fedorovich Dobrynin**  
Age 68 ... Party secretary since March 1986 ... oversees international department, Central Committee since March 1980 ... oversees ambassador to the United States.



**Yuriy Pavlovich Izrael**  
Age 57 ... First Deputy Chairman, Party Control Committee ... oversees security aspects.



**Viktor Andreyevich Medvedev**  
Age 62 ... oversees industrial and construction aspects.



**Georgiy Fedorovich Komarov**  
Age 62 ... oversees industrial and construction aspects.

Other Full Politburo Members

Candidate Politburo Members (Nonvoting)

Secretaries not on the Politburo

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